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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Governor to declare
November as Epilepsy Awareness Month.

*Whereas, Epilepsy, a medical condition that produces
seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions,
affects 2.2 million Americans;*

*Whereas, Epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological
disorder in the United States after migraine, stroke, and
Alzheimer's disease;*

*Whereas, Medications and other treatments can help many
people of all ages who live with epilepsy, but more than a
million people continue to have seizures that can severely limit
their activities;*

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Whereas, Epilepsy most often strikes the very young and the very old, affecting more than 300,000 children under the age of 15 in the United States;

Whereas, As the baby boomer generation ages, the number of people 65 years of age and older affected by epilepsy has grown dramatically, with more than 570,000 adults having the condition;

Whereas, A significant number of people with epilepsy may lack access to medical care for the treatment of the disease;

Whereas, A survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention demonstrated that the hardships imposed by epilepsy are comparable to those imposed by cancer, diabetes, and arthritis;

Whereas, The social stigma surrounding epilepsy continues to fuel discrimination and isolate people who suffer from seizure disorders from mainstream life;

Whereas, In spite of these formidable obstacles, people with epilepsy can live healthy and productive lives and make significant contributions to society; and

Whereas, The designation of November as Epilepsy Awareness Month could help focus attention on and increase understanding of epilepsy and those people who suffer from it: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 2 Governor to declare November as Epilepsy Awareness Month.
- 3 SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives calls upon
- 4 all Hoosiers to observe Epilepsy Awareness Month with appropriate
- 5 programs and support for the goals and ideals represented by Epilepsy
- 6 Awareness Month.
- 7 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 8 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Pence.

